

and the stranger among us. Debra Steinberg's action on behalf of the immigrant victims' families exemplifies such compassion. We have much to learn from her on this day, and I am proud to honor her achievements.

COWBOY ARTILLERY

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I rise today to express our Nation's deepest thanks and gratitude to the men of the 300th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Wyoming Army National Guard. On Friday, September 9, 2006, the 300th AFA Battalion will gather for a reunion 56 years after the Battle at Soyang during the Korean war.

In 1951, the members of the battalion put down their plowshares and picked up their rifles and arrived in Korea to push back three corps of the Chinese People's Volunteers that launched a major offensive against the 2d Infantry Division, to which the 300th was attached. In his memoir, a Wyoming National Guardsman, William W. Day IV, described his early days in combat:

The guns are hot and ammo can't be uncrated fast enough. The motor pool is using every truck to haul ammo. The cooks, clerks and everyone available are preparing ammo while the gun crews stay at their posts and continue to pour a withering fire on the enemy.

The 300th provided devastating artillery fire support that pounded enemy positions for 7 days inflicting thousands of enemy casualties. During the morning of May 18, 1951, the battalion was given the mission of destroying an enemy roadblock allowing retreating U.N. forces to fall back to more secure positions. The heroic and determined stand of the 2d Division and its attached units allowed the Eighth Army to regroup and outflank the enemy.

Among many others, the battalion has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its valiant efforts in the struggle for the freedom we all enjoy. Today, the Wyoming Army National Guard carries on the courageous traditions of the Cowboy Artillery.

Mr. President, the 300th AFA Battalion epitomized the ethos of the Citizen Soldier. It is because of folks like the members of the 300th that we continue to live safe and free. America's men and women who answer the call of service and wear our Nation's uniform deserve respect and recognition for the enormous burden that they are willingly bare. They put everything on the line every day, and as a result, our Nation remains free and strong.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMENDING HAWAII'S WORLD CHAMPIONS

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, I wish to congratulate the Hilo All-Stars, the 2006 Cal Ripken Baseball World Champions. This is the second consecutive year that a team from Hawaii captured

the 12-and-under title. Last year, a Honolulu squad defeated Mexico, by a score of 1 to nothing, to win the championship game.

On Sunday, August 20, Hilo won the Ripken World Series in Aberdeen, MD against international champions Mexico, by the score of 5 to 2. Ridge Hoopii-Haslam hit a two-run homer, and Kawika Pruett added a two-run single to rally Hilo against Mexico's powerful pitching staff that allowed only three runs in the tournament. Mexico threatened in the third inning, but Kean Wong came in to pitch out of a bases loaded jam, holding Mexico to just one run.

The Hilo All-Star team members are Anson Arruda, Ridge Hoopii-Haslam, Dean Hosaka, Jordan Jinbo, Chayce Kaaua, Kian Kurokawa, Rylan Malakaua, Ekolu Martins, Cody Ray Okabayashi, Kawika Pruett, Kean Wong, and Kiani Wong. Kaha Wong manages the All-Stars and Wardell "Baba" Lancaster and Jason Jinbo are team coaches.

I am proud of Hilo's impressive wins and the humility and sportsmanship they displayed as they won with aloha. Hilo represented the State of Hawaii and the United States very well. Many family members and friends made sacrifices to support the team. I applaud these efforts and wish all the players and their families the best in future endeavors.

I look forward to hearing more about the success of our players as they continue to pursue their education and baseball ambitions in the future, and I extend the same congratulations and best wishes to all players and coaches who participated in this year's Cal Ripken Baseball World Series.●

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE-PICHER TECHNOLOGIES

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I rise to celebrate Eagle-Picher Technologies, LLC, on the company's "One Billionth Hour" in space as represented by the superior batteries the firm designs and builds and that power U.S. satellites.

Recognizing the need for custom designed and built batteries, the technologies division at Eagle-Picher works on a variety of batteries for aerospace and military use, which the company calls special use batteries. The company's technology division, based in Joplin, MO., continues a tradition that stretches back to the 1960s when Eagle-Picher provided power systems for the first United States satellites and the manned Mercury program.

Today, EaglePicher nickel-hydrogen cells are powering spacecraft orbiting Earth and beyond. I commend Eagle Picher, its leadership and its dedicated employees in Missouri on their commitment to maintaining the highest standards while breaking new ground for power systems and advanced electrical power system applications. I am

pleased to join with the Joplin community and the State of Missouri in congratulating the company and wishing the firm's valued employees with continued growth and success.●

COMMENDING KAUAI'S FILIPINO CENTENNIAL AWARDEES

• Mr. AKAKA. Mr. President, it is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest aloha and congratulations to the individuals being recognized and honored by the Kauai Filipino Centennial Celebration Committee as Kauai Filipino Centennial Awardees in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first migrant workers from the Philippines to Hawaii. I was pleased that the Senate last year accepted by unanimous consent my resolution, S. Res. 333, recognizing the centennial of sustained immigration from the Philippines to the United States and acknowledging the contributions of the Filipino-American community to our country over the last century—including members of the Kauai community.

It is an honor earned and richly deserved and a privilege for me to share in the spirit of this very personal and historical celebration with family and many friends in recognizing commitment and service to the Filipino community. This prestigious award tells of the important place these men and women hold in our community. It recognizes their extraordinary contributions and service to Hawaii. These individuals include leaders in all walks of life: journalists, educators, artists and entertainers, athletes, doctors, attorneys, clergy, public servants, and businessmen.

The honorees are: Leonora Albayalde, Jose Alvarez, Connie Aquino, Rosalina Arzadon, Greg Bakiano, Elena Barbasa, Guadalupe L. Bulatao, Jose E. Bulatao, Jose E. Bulatao, Jr., Juanito Buza, Hilda Cannon, Clemente Ceballos, Marie Ceballos, Les Ceballos, Catalino C. Cortezan, Josefina A. Cortezan, Consuelo O. Cuaresma, Consuelo Dela Cruz, Gerald Dela Cruz, Dr. Arnulfo Dias, Emil Diaz, Steven M. Domingo, Josephine C. Duvauchelle, Marcelino Francisco, R. Barbara Bulatao Franklin, Vil Galiza, Eugene Jimenez, Martha Sialana Kruse, Esperanza Labez, Ricardo Laabez, Inocencio Lopenia, Alfredo Lardizabal, Ben Largusa, Alfredo Laureta, Jesus "Gene" Layosa, Rhoda Libre, Domingo Los Banos, Jr., Eduardo Malapit, Vicky Masuoka, George Menor, Mable Jean Odo, Emilio "Spud" Olivas, Paul Parongao, Dr. Ramon Dela Pena, Cesar Portugal, Rick Rasay, Sister Florence Remata, Dr. William Renti-Cruz, Robert Riola, Frances Sagadraca, Eddie Sarita, Rudy Sina, Catalino Suero, Jimmy Tejada, Amadeo Timbol, Dr. Mariano Torres, Liza Trinidad, Maria B. Valenciano, Placido Valenciano, Randal Valenciano, Adelino Valentin, Floro